

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

October 21, 2011

Members Present – Gwendolyn Coates, Chair, Kameka Brown, Marti Lindeman, Michael Lusk, Jeannine Skinner

Members Excused: Cynthia Andrews, Carolyn Johnson Davis, Karen Kent, Helen Sikov,

Staff – Karen Winston

I. Committee Reports

Nominations Committee - The Nominations Committee reminded members of their original recommendation made at the July meeting:

Kameka Brown – Chair

Michael Lusk – Vice Chair

Secretary/Treasurer – Jeannine Skinner

Since there is modest responsibility for the Secretary and Treasurer positions, members agreed to combine them into one. Note – the Bylaws will have to be amended to reflect this change. Members agreed to table revision of the Bylaws until 2012. If anyone is interested in working on the Bylaws Committee in advance of 2012, please let Gwendolyn know.

Gwendolyn asked for the recommended 2012 slate of officers to be emailed to all MCAAE members prior to the November meeting. Any member unable to attend the November meeting will be asked to vote by proxy.

Clergy Workshop Planning Committee – Gwendolyn reported that plans to conduct a second workshop are on hold. Due to her increased work schedule, she has not been able to work on it. She was asked to take over planning for the October 22nd African American Caregivers Forum following Rowena's departure from the Alzheimer's Association. She is recommends that the workshop be postponed until February 2012.

Outreach & Education Committee – Michael reported that he is still working to coordinate with Kimberly Walker, Manager of the Kinship Center. He is also working to connect Kimberly with Sandra Woods-Pollard, who staffs the African American Childcare Task Force.

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Digital Communications Committee – Marti reported that the MCAAE Face Book page is very successful and has almost 200 “likes”. Good information is being shared. Edits to the MCAAE website are pending. A report will be made at the November meeting.

Legislative Advocacy – Gwendolyn announced that Representative Eric Pettigrew, 37th District will be in Seattle and would like to meet with constituents. The following dates are possibilities November 14, 15, and 17. MCAAE members are being asked to join Advisory Council members for a visit with him. Members agreed to participate, and asked Karen to try and schedule the Central Area Senior Center’s Kinship Center for the visit.

Gwendolyn further reviewed a handout covering the potential impacts the proposed state budget cuts will have. (See attached) Marti asked members to think about developing a platform and/or a press release stating their position regarding the impact of the cut on older adults. Karen W. recommended coordinating with ADS Advisory Council on future advocacy activities.

This led to a brief discussion on the mission and focus of the MCAAE, advocacy and future activities. Everyone agreed that for 2012 they would like to establish a better relationship with Mayor McGinn and strengthen advocacy positions.

- II. MCAAE Bank Account** – Gwendolyn reported that she made a request to Bank of America to waive the \$11.00 monthly fee and \$44.00 was deposited back into the account. She will follow-up with them about another grace period for a waiver.

III. Announcements

African American Caregivers Forum

Saturday, October 22, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DoubleTree Suites at Southcenter

Suggested Donation is \$20. Register now!

Keynote Speaker: Jeannine Skinner, Ph. D., UW Geriatric Neuropsychology Fellow

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2011, in the SMT 60th Floor, Room 6048.